schools are concerned, less urgent than the provision of class-room accommodation. Hostels will have to wait until school buildings are put up.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram).*—Cannot Government take on rent a suitable building? You may collect the rent from the boys.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—That may be done. I shall investigate that question.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur Rural).*—Government know fully well that the strength has not fallen. The Member for Education said that from the report of the head master the strength of the hostel has fallen from 45 to 30. Did he care to enquire whether the boys have left the hostel for want of good accommodation?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—I have enquired.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur Rural).*—There are many boys coming from the east of Kozhinjampara occupying certain undesirable places not far from the school because they have no other place. I think therefore that it is incumbent on the Government to see that these boys are given good housing when they are having good education. Rs. 14,000 will not be a big sum for the Government to spend for this good undertaking. Further there will be some small amount of rent to the Government also if they start this work. Under the circumstances Government ought to do something for this hostel.

Mr. C. S. Viswanatha Ayyar *(Chittur Tattamangalam Town).*—With the leave of the House I beg to withdraw the motion.

Resolution was, by leave, withdrawn.

(The Hon'ble the President occupied the Chair at this stage).

10. Relegation to Heads of Departments of powers to make acting arrangements.

Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon *(Cheruthuruthi).*— *"This Council recommends to the Government that the Heads of Departments especially the Education Department may be empowered to make acting arrangements without in any way overlapping the vested powers of the Staff Selection Board".*

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Sir, my idea in moving this resolution is not to interfere in any way with the working of the Staff Selection Board. My object is to bring to the kind notice of the Government the serious difficulties experienced by the several departments especially the Education Department.

Mr. President.—You are speaking for the Heads of Departments.

Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon *(Cheruthuruthy).*—No, Sir, for the public. There are no teachers in certain schools. Sometimes vacancies arise in schools all on a sudden due to illness of teachers or on account of some other reason. The relieving hand or acting hand has to be supplied by the Staff Selection Board. It sometimes takes a long time before the substitute comes. The work in the school thereby suffers. Schools cannot be considered as any other Public Offices in the State. Therefore, I suggest that in such cases the Heads of Departments if not at least the Education Department may be empowered to make acting arrangements without in any way over-lapping the vested powers of the Staff Selection Board.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—I wish to say a word with reference to the Education Department since the mover remarked that the difficulty is greater in the Education Department. For the information of the House I may state that I think there is nothing more special with the Education Department than with the other departments. The public of Cochin should be thankful for what has been accomplished during the short time after acceptance of the principle. As a matter of fact I know that it took some time to select candidates. The Government want a months' notice in advance of leave; but applicants will always say that they want leave from the 15th or from date of avail. That is the way in which the request for leave comes up. It is not possible to refuse a request of this kind and so temporary vacancies occur.

Now that the Board has started work the public may have some confidence that the vacancies will be filled up within the least possible time. It is an institution which we have been asking for. If, at the first imaginary hitch, people begin to murmur and even interested persons try to press this as an argument for another appointment, it is something very difficult to tackle. It is another way of bringing in by the back door what we sent out by this point.

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Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram).*— I oppose this resolution. This measure should not be meddled with especially matters of appointment made by the Board. The Board was constituted by the Council and we have nothing more to do. The Board will do the needful.

Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon *(Cheruthuruthy).*— I beg leave of the House to withdraw the resolution.

Resolution was, by leave, withdrawn.

11. Adherence to principles of Communal rotation even in appointments beyond the purview of the Staff Selection Board.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Anthikad).*—*"This Council recommends to the Government that in the matter of appointments to Public Services beyond the purview of the Staff Selection Board the same principles of communal representation should, wherever possible, be adhered to"*.

Sir, the principle which underlies this resolution has already been accepted by the Government and as a result the Staff Selection Board has been appointed. The resolution says 'communal representation should, wherever possible, be adhered to'. It has been so worded as to make it acceptable by the Government. It is a most elastic expression and I only request the Government to accept the principle and apply it wherever possible. I wish to know the position of the Government on this resolution before proceeding further.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—There are two categories of appointments which fall within the purview of the Board. One is expressly excluded, since it would not be possible for the Government to adhere to principles of communal rotation so far as those appointments are concerned and where weightier considerations are taken into account. Even there supreme merit and efficiency is the principle and that is why it has been excluded from the operation of the rules. With respect to the other, viz., the lower appointments, it is understood that they should wherever, possible, follow this principle. It is being done and even before the constitution of the Board it was being followed by the heads of departments wherever possible.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Anthikad).*—I wish to speak a few words with regard to the point of efficiency. Efficiency like beauty sits in the eyes that look rather than in the object

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